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Fiscal Impact: _____ N/A
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ISSUE:

This is an ordinance which amends sections 17-26-104, 17-26-106, 17-26-109, 17-26-110, and 17-26-112; enacts sections 17-26-111.1, 17-26-123.1, and 17-26-138; and repeals sections 17-26-111 and 17-26-117 of Title 17 of the West Valley City Municipal Code regarding the issuance of business licenses to sexually-oriented businesses.

SYNOPSIS:

This ordinance seeks to clarify the procedures for obtaining a sexually-oriented business license and the standards of operation a licensee must follow in order to remain in good standing. This resolution also seeks to clarify and expand the requirements all employees must satisfy before commencing any work for a sexually-oriented business.

BACKGROUND:

By adopting this ordinance, the City Council will be exercising its right to pass ordinances and rules which provide for the health, safety, morals, and welfare of its citizens and the community at-large, by ensuring sexually-oriented businesses are properly regulated and operated. Previous to the City enacting a moratorium relating to the issuance of sexually-oriented business licenses, the City received two applications for licensure of a proposed escort service to be operated within the City. On both occasions, the applications were denied for failure to meet the existing requirements for obtaining a sexually-oriented business license from the City. The City recognizes the need to expand and clarify the existing ordinance in order to ensure such businesses operate in compliance and the interests of the community, citizens, and the continued economic development of the City are preserved.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City should approve this ordinance, which would strengthen the licensing regulations of sexually-oriented businesses either currently operating, or seeking to operate, within West Valley City.